

SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 5

DATE 1-16-07

BNL NO. SB58

Joe,

Attached as an MSWord file is the text of the Federal Register notice of 2000 wherein the USFWS declared that Prairie Dogs were "warranted" for listing, but where the FWP was "precluded" from listing them because it was not a high enough priority.

See item B. on pages 16 and 17 where the USFWS says:

From page 16 - "Recreational (sport or varmint) shooting is impacting black-tailed prairie dog populations in some local areas. At present, we do not believe that this factor is responsible for significant rangewide declines in the species' population ..."

and

From page 17 - (Recreational shooting of Prairie Dogs)...will not likely adversely impact the overall population of a species..."

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